

Descanso Planning Group
Regular January 15, 2009 Meeting
Approved Minutes

Date, Time and Place: January 15, 2009 @ 7:00PM @ the Descanso Town Hall,
24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

1. Bobbi Brink	4. John Elliott	7. Don Hickie
2. Jo Ellen Quinting Excused	5. Michael Sterns	8. Claudia White Absent
3. Deirdre Carter Excused	6. Trista Brant	9. Vacant

3. Approval of Minutes from December Regular Meeting

No Minutes presented. Tabled until next meeting.

4. Correspondence and Announcements: On Feb 11th at 6pm at the Cuyamaca Collage in El Cajon is the "State of the County" address. We received free tickets to the B to G seminar how to get your share of bail out money. Cal Trans is running their grant cycle. On Jan 9th the Planning Commission had a meeting we received a package of info from them. Michael passed around contact sheet for update.

5. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items

6. New Business

A. Approve appointment to Seat #9 on the Descanso Planning Group. Vacancy posted November 26, 2008. Anyone interested can request application by calling Michael Sterns @ 619-659-3801 or can apply in person at the Regular Meeting of the DPG on January 15, 2009 @ 7:00 at the Descanso Town Hall. Jo Ellen did not receive any requests for a seat. **Michael nominated Teri Gibson for seat 9. Teri accepted. Motion to appoint Teri Gibson to seat 9 of the DPG by Michael, 2nd John. No discussion. 5-0-0-3-1 Motion passes.**

B. Approve request to Mike Wells for community planning information regarding Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Info handed out last meeting. Michael made one small change that stated that the DPG did take a position to support the Mack property acquisition in 2003. Michael recapped on the letter the group drafted. **John made a motion to send the Mike Wells letter to him and to CC Diane Jacobs and the Park Superintendent. 2nd by Don. 5-0-0-3-1 Motion passes.**

C. Report on January 10, 2009 Steering Committee discussion of Draft General Plan. Michael went to the Steering meeting on Jan. 10th and reported his experience there. The Planning Dept. expressed concerned that some want to eliminate separate community plans that express unique character. Community plans cannot be less restrictive than the General Plan. There is a need for positive support of the General Plan. Don't soften Policies. Water policy was an issue discussed that was of special interest to us, policy concerning how to identify adequate water supply. Discussion of FCI.

D. Approve DPG comments on Draft General Plan.

Michael suggested we express concern regarding measuring ground water adequacy. John said the EIR should analyze the pre FCI density/plan. Everything we do should be covered by the EIR. Add that the group supports the letter written by Rick and Cathy Prazma and Howard and Rachel Antle in regards to their Boundary issue.

Michael made a motion that the chairperson will write a comment to the Draft General Plan supporting the role of community plans and asking for expansion of ground water policies and FCI land EIR review also to support the Prazma letter. John 2nd. 5-0-0-3-1 motion passes.

E. Develop community concerns, priorities and 2009 goals for DPG.
Items up for consideration.

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| 1. Riverside bridge | 12. Trails |
| 2. Community Park | 13. Bad Surveys |
| 3. Walk ability trails | 14. Cabins |
| 4. Vegetation management | 15. Power link |
| 5. FCI | 16. Power interruptions |
| 6. Cost of saving our Oak tree | 17. Underground utilities |
| 7. Dead tree removal | 18. Road Conditions |
| 8. Horse camp by school | 19. Descanso School changing grade levels |
| 9. Green Valley Falls | 20. MSCP Multiple Species Conservation Program |
| 10. The County yard eye sore | 21. Cell Phone Service |
| 11. Speed limits | 22. By-laws |

7. Old Business

A. Report from Subcommittee: Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) Subcommittee; Formed to Address Properties Affected By the Sunset of FCI
John reported that they do not have a chair now. Michael suggested that we should address this as we complete our 2009 plans and goals. No further report.

B. Transportation, Bridges and Pedestrian Walkways: No Report

C. New Information on the Proposed Equestrian Facilities Project at Cuyamaca State Park and New Information on Cuyamaca State Park: No Report

D. Approval of a new 5 year Park Project Priority List for the expenditure of Park Land Dedication Ordinance Funds: No Report

8. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor. Any member of the public may address the Group on topics pertaining to planning, zoning and land use, which does not appear elsewhere in this agenda. No Group action is permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. Speakers will be allowed 3 minute.

John went to the Vegetation Management meeting of the Forest Task Force. Areas that have mass veg. build up need to be cleared with selective burns proposed. John reported that the Power link people are against widespread veg. management and wasn't sure why. It needs to be cleared because of possible floating burning embers. Issue will come up again in future DPG meetings.

9. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

Jo Ellen requested through Michael that the Capital Improvement Priority List be addressed. Don requested an old 5 year list for review.

10. Approval of Expenditures/Expenses and Treasurer's Report

Treasury Report: Don Reported that the Balance in the checking account is \$267.59

11. Announcement of Next Meeting

February 19, 2009 @ 7:00PM

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Trista Brant, Secretary

Voting, / for / against / abstain / absent / vacant /